

reach Salisbury until the wee small hours or that we wandered forlornly thru Greenville seeking snow for sleighing; for had we not spent an evening long to be remembered in the annals of Salisbury and are we not ready to embrace the opportunity of eating a similar supper at the earliest convenient occasion?

The sisters report financial profits at \$60.00 and are abundantly satisfied.

Brother Hazlett who has served us most satisfactorily for the past year will continue with us the ensuing twelve months. The church is in a prosperous condition and the S. S. C. E., has recently added the latest improved heater for future comfort.

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Our Young People

My Pilot

"My bark is wafted to the strand
By breath divine,
And on the helm there rests a hand
Other than mine.

"One who has known in storms to sail
I have on board;
Above the raging of the gale
I heard my Lord.

"He holds me when the billows smite—
I shall not fall;
If sharp, 'tis short; if long, 'tis light;
He tempers all.

"Safe to the land, safe to the land,
The end is this;
And them with Him go hand in hand
Far into bliss.

WHAT I OWE TO CHRIST

Scripture Lesson—II Cor. 8:9; I Pet. 21-25

Topic for March 24

This topic is certainly one of the greatest personal concern. Every Christian must of necessity appreciate that he is debtor for all the things possessed and enjoyed by him. We must confess that all the privileges enjoyed today, both civil and religious, are due to the workings of Christianity. Christianity has made our civilization what it is. If man's humanity towards man is kindlier than ever before it is due to the presence and power of Christian influence. If the world is better than ever before, if greater advances in morals are being made each day, this too is to be attributed to the influence and power of Christian teaching and example.

Again, we owe to Christ the forgiveness of our sins. Words fail to express the joy and peace that comes from the inner consciousness of sins forgiven.

We owe to Christ too the daily grace to overcome sin. Who would attempt to live the Christian life apart from the promise of the daily presence? Who could overcome himself, or the temptations of the evil one apart from the wisdom and power that Christ gives? Moreover by this power only can we make the most of ourselves. Self realization is not possible without the presence of Christ in one's life. No one apart from Christ can ever reach the perfection of his being without the power and wisdom that Christ gives.

For all these and infinitely more we are indebted to Christ. Take from the world the forgiveness of sins, the present power over sin, the hope of a future life, and what remains to make life worth the living? We need not be surprised to know that pessimists are most generally skeptics. A Christian can not be otherwise than a thorough-going optimist.

For all these blessings enjoyed we may render

some service to Him thru whom they come. Not that we can pay for them for we can not. What Christ did and is doing for the world He does thru love and love's gifts are always unpayable. It is an insult to attempt to pay a gift of love. What do you think your parents would say, if on reaching your majority you should approach them with money in hand to pay them for their services and gifts to you? You can never pay these gifts. Neither can you pay Christ for what He has done. But we can return His love by yielding to Him and giving him our love in return. This is what He asks and what reason would dictate to us to give Him. And love will always find a mode of expression, a channel of usefulness. We can not specify a way in which we can best serve him. Let us first love him supremely and this love will best find a way to honor him and this Christ will accept and be pleased with.

SCRIPTURE LIGHT

I. Love to Him. II Cor. 5:14.

(A) This love is shown:

- 1 Seeking Him, So. of Sol. 3:2.
- 2 Obeying, John 14:15, 21, 23; 13:14.
- 3 Minister to Him, Matt. 27:55 with Matt. 25:40.
- 4 Preferring Him, Matt. 10:37.
- 5 Bearing the cross, " 10:38.

(B) This love should be:

- 1 Sincere, Eph. 6:24.
- 2 With the soul, So. of Sol. 1:7.
- 3 In proportion to our mercies, Luke 7:47.
- 4 Supreme, Matt. 10:37.
- 5 Even unto death, Acts 21:13; Rev. 12:11.

(C) This love exemplified.

- 1 Joseph, Matt. 27:57-60.
- 2 The penitent woman, Luke 7:47.
- 3 Thomas, John 11:16.
- 4 Mary Magdalene, John 20:11.
- 5 Peter, John 21:15-17.
- 6 Paul, Acts 21:13.

II. Love to Mankind.

- 1 Is commanded by Christ, John 13:34; 15:12; I John 3:23.
- 2 Christ gave the example, Eph. 5:2; John 15:12.
- 3 Taught by God, I Thess. 4:9.
- 4 A fruit of the Spirit, Gal. 5:22; Col. 3:8.
- 5 An active principle, Heb. 6:10.
- 6 An abiding principle, I Cor. 13:8, 13.
- 7 The second commandment, Matt. 22:37-39.
- 8 The end of the commandment, I Tim. 1:5.
- 9 The value of I Cor. 13:1, 2, 3.

(B) How manifested:

- 1 Ministering to others, Matt. 25:35, etc.
- 2 Loving each other, Gal. 5:13.
- 3 Visiting the sick, Jas. 1:27.
- 4 Sympathizing, Rom. 12:15; I Cor. 12:26.
- 5 Supporting the weak, Gal. 6:2.
- 6 Forgiving injuries, Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13.
- 7 Forbearing, Eph. 4:2.

(C) Good works as an evidence:

- 1 Being in the Light, I John 2:10.
- 2 Discipleship, John 13:35.
- 3 Spiritual life, I John 3:14.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

- 1 In what ways have we become debtors to Christ?
- 2 Why could no other have done for us what Christ did for us?
- 3 Can we ever pay this indebtedness to Christ?
- 4 Is this the purpose of Christian service? If not what is the purpose?
- 5 What is the supreme motive in Christian service?
- 6 What is the spirit that should characterize all Christian service?
- 7 What is the reflex influence of Christian service? John 13:17
- 8 In what way did Christ say we could best serve Him? Matt. 26:31-46.

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Christian Life

Our Master

Immortal Love, forever full,
Forever flowing free,
Forever shared, forever whole,
A never ebbing sea!

No fable old, nor mythic lore,
Nor dream of bards and seers,
No dead fact stranded on the shore
Of the oblivious years;

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
A present help is He;
And faith has still its Olivet,
And love its Galilee.

The healing of His seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain:
We touch Him in life's throng and press,
And we are whole again.

Our Friend, our Brother, and our Lord,
What may Thy service be?
Nor name, nor form, nor ritual word,
But simply following Thee.

Thy litanies, sweet offices
Of love and gratitude;
Thy sacramental liturgies,
The joy of doing good.

—Wittier.

LOVE'S IMAGE

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Emerson says, "It costs a beautiful person no exertion to paint her image on our eyes; yet how splendid is that benefit! It costs no more for a wise soul to convey his quality to other men." How often that beautiful person mars that beauty and thereby hides and destroys its ennobling influence. It may be with the thin veil of secret sin. It may be with the thick black veil of continued wrong doing. Purity is beauty. The pure in heart are the beautiful in life. The loving are the loved.

The unconscious influence of the good is a painted image of beauty. Be good and thy reflection will be good. Mar your character, and you mar the characters of your friends, because thus you will paint upon their souls that which is tinged with evil. No impression thus made, whether it be made, for good or for evil, will ever be completely effaced. It adds or subtracts from the final summing-up which will determine destiny.

If it be so easy for a wise soul to convey its qualities to another, how alert should be the Christlike Christian. Why do we say "Christ like"? Because there are those who profess Christ, and there are those who possess Christ. The qualities of the soul which has for its source of life the True Vine will be Christ like qualities. Brotherly love, kindness, meekness, temperance, service, faith, hope, joy,—all these and more will blossom forth and, warmed by the sunshine of heavenly love, will paint their images on the souls of our friends and our enemies too.

Life is action. Doing is being. The best possible is easiest done. The world is coming to realize more and more that true prosperity and genuine happiness are attainable only thru the continual exercise of the altru-